

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to as failing to designate Figure 1 as Prior Art. Drawing corrections have been made in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Figures 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d and 4e have been amended to correct a reference number.

Applicant attaches hereto an abstract on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b).

The specification has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has provided a clean version of the previously amended claims as per the Examiner's request.

Status of the Claims

Claims 8-24 are pending in the application, claims 8, 12, 15-18 and 24 having been amended herein.

Claim 8 was objected to due to an informality.

Claims 8-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claims 8-14 and 18-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas et al..

Claims 8-11, 15-20 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kyytsonen.

Claim Objection

Claim 8 was objected to due to an informality. Specifically, the Examiner states in the Office Action that Claim 1 is objected to and that "thereon" should be inserted to follow "a complete reel." Claims 8-24 are currently pending in the application and Claim 1 has been previously canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicant presumes that this objection pertains to Claim 8 and not Claim 1. Applicant has corrected this wording in claim 8. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to the claim 8 has been overcome.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 8-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In view of the amendments to Claims 8, 12, 15-18 and 24 it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph have been overcome.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e)/35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 8-14 and 18-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Thomas et al.. Claims 8-11, 15-20 and 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kyytsonen. Applicant respectfully traverses these statements.

The claimed invention relates to a reel-up of a web having a reeling means for guiding a web (W) onto a reel spool (11) to thereby form a reel. The reel-up of the present invention also contains a slidable supporting surface (44) structured and arranged to retain a reel spool (11) thereon, wherein said supporting surface (44) is slidably movable with respect to the reeling means (5), said supporting surface (44) being movable from a functional vicinity of the reeling means (5) to a

vicinity of the bearing surface of the supporting structure (2). The claimed invention also relates to a method for reeling a paper web with a reel-up around a reel spool (R).

The references cited in the Office Action do not disclose the apparatus arrangement in accordance with our invention. The prior art references does not disclose a slide on which a roll rests and on top of which the reel spool can roll, if necessary.

In the structure in accordance with our invention, the slide 4 has a supporting surface 44, substantially as wide as the fixed rail section 3, the reel spool and the roll formed thereon are supported by the supporting surface 44, which is movable during the reeling process. During and/or after the reel change the complete reel can be rolled from the movable supporting surface to the bearer surface or a corresponding surface. Therefore, the prior art does not anticipate or teach the present invention and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be overcome.



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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments it is submitted that the Examiner's objections and rejections have been overcome and should be removed and the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

A petition for a three-month extension of time with the requisite fee is attached herewith. In the event that any other fees are required, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518 in the name of Steinberg & Raskin, P.C.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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